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SUBJECT: SHRIMP FISHING

REF: BRASILIA 5382

1. AT LUNCH JULY 12 WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR HE ASKED ME ABOUT SHRIMP FISHING PROBLEM. I REVIEWED SUBSTANCE OF BRASILIA 5382 WITH HIM. AMBASSADOR SAID ON FINAL POINT BRASILIA 5382 THAT HE HAD NOT REPEAT NOT DISISTED. RATHER HE HAD ASKED FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR RESPONSE HIS NOTES (PRESUMABLY OTHER THAN ONE ON US VESSELS WHICH HAS BEEN ANSWERED) AND WAS AWAITING REPLY.

2. AMBASSADOR WAS PARTICULARLY ANNOYED THAT BRAZILIAN DESTROYER HAD CIRCLED FRENCH FRIGATE IN MENACING MANNER IN WATERS FRENCH CLEARLY CONSIDERED TO BE FRENCH. (INCIDENT OCCURRED, WE BELIEVE, DURING SEIZURE OF JAPANESE VESSELS.) AMBASSADOR SAID FRENCH FRIGATE HAD SOPHISTICATED GEAR AND WAS CERTAIN ITS POSITION, BUT NEVER-
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THELESS CALLED FOR HELP AND FRENCH HELICOPTER APPEARED ON SCENE. IMPLICITLY FRENCH AMBASSADOR WAS NOT IMPRESSED WITH RELIABILITY OF BRAZILIAN NAVY NAVIAGATION. AMBASSADOR SAID HE CONSIDERED IT MINOR MATTER AND THAT TWO NAVIES SHOULD DISCUSS IT BECAUSE THEY "UNDERSTOOD EACH OTHERS LANGUAGE" BUT THAT HE STILL PRESSING FOR EXPLANATION.

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3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DID NOT CLAIM FISHING VESSELS
WERE IN FRENCH WATERS APPARENTLY CONSIDERING THAT
DEBATABLE PROPOSITION.

4. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID PROBLEM COMPLICATED BECAUSE
FRANCE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE 200 MILE LIMIT AND THERE IS
NO AGREED BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRENCH GUIANA AND BRAZIL.

5. FRENCH AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED ADMIRATION
FOR CASTRO ALVES. CASTRO ALVES AND I WERE ONLY
DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF US FISHING VESSELS, NOT SUBSEQUENT
DESTROYER-FRIGATE ENCOUNTER, AND CASTRO ALVES MAY HAVE BEEN
CORRECT ALTHOUGH SLIGHTLY MISLEADING IN SAYING THAT
FRENCH WERE NOT INSISTING. CASTRO ALVES DID NOTE
THAT FRENCH INTERESTS AND OURS WERE NOT EXACTLY SAME
AND MAY IN THAT WAY HAVE BEEN ALLUDING TO FRENCH
PROTEST ON NAVAL VESSEL INCIDENT.
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